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Apache County Sheriff Indicted

(Phoenix, Ariz. – May 25, 2005) The State Grand Jury today issued a felony indictment against Apache County Sheriff Brian Hounshell. He is charged with two counts of misuse of public monies, one count of fraudulent schemes and artifices and one count of theft.

The charges stem from an investigation by the Arizona Attorney General's Office into allegations that Hounshell misappropriated from Apache County more than \$8,000 in public monies and equipment for his own personal use or benefit between 2000 and 2004.

A copy of the indictment is attached.

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